

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the examination of the present application. In this response, claims 1, 5, and 18 are amended. Claims 3, 13, 20, and 23 are cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 14-19, 21-22, and 24 are therefore pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Office Action indicated that claim 5 has insufficient support in the disclosure. Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 5 to recite a "cable exit" rather than a "cable access opening" in the second cableway. Applicants point to Figure 16 of the present application, as well as page 11, lines 3-4 of the specification for support for this feature. Applicants assert that sufficient support for "cable exit" is found in the disclosure of this application, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Hudson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,023,404). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the feature found in dependent claim 3, requiring a cable passage opening be defined between the first cableway and the second cableway through the first outer wall. Applicants assert that Hudson does not disclose such an element.

Applicants note that Hudson et al. discloses both single cableway and dual cableway configurations. However, Hudson et al. fails to disclose a cable trough having first and second cableways and including an opening in a wall between the cableways. Applicants assert that this element is neither disclosed nor suggested by Hudson et al., which explicitly discloses cables only entering and exiting the cableways via openings 40, 50 between fingers 36, 46. Hudson et al., Figures 9-13. Applicants note that these openings do not provide passage between the first cableway and the second cableway. As such, Hudson fails to disclose at least this element. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claim as currently presented.

Claims 2, 4, and 5 depend from claim 1, and inherit all limitations therefrom. Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are allowable for the same reason and request reconsideration and allowance of these claims as well.

Previously Added Claims

Applicants added claims 13-24 in the response dated December 7, 2005. Applicants note that these claims are not rejected or objected to in the Office Action. Applicants note that claims 13-17 depend from claim 1, and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in this and the previous response. Applicants also assert that claims 18-19 and 21-24 are allowable for at least the same reason, because claim 18 now incorporates the subject matter of former claim 20, which is analogous to former claim 3. Applicants therefore request allowance of claims 13-19, 21-22, and 24 as well.

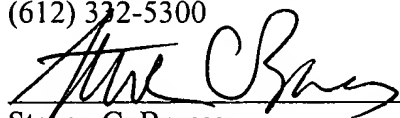
Conclusion

For at least the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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